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## Safe Medicine Disposal Symposium To Be Held at Spreckel's Theatre in Rohnert Park

Santa Rosa, CA–A symposium on safe medicine disposal entitled: "Towards Lifecycle Stewardship of Pharmaceuticals" will be held on Thursday, November 8 at the Spreckel's Theatre in Rohnert Park. Sponsored by the Sonoma County Water Agency and the cities of Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, Cotati, Sonoma and others, the symposium will feature speakers and panelists from local, state and federal jurisdictions.

The focus of the event will be to inform and educate the public about the persistence of synthetic pollutants in our waterways caused by improper medicine disposal. It is hoped that the event will generate an active dialogue across the many disciplines that must become involved in the design and implementation of a successful, voluntary compliance approach to the safe disposal of pharmaceuticals.

The public is invited to attend at a cost of \$5.00. A box lunch and beverage will be provided. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling Tim Anderson at 707 521-6208. Capacity is limited.

There will be an opportunity to "drop off" any unused medicines for safe disposal at the symposium. The Teleosis Foundation and Integrated Waste Control will provide support for this effort. (Please bring pills only, no liquids or ointments.)

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